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THE FIRST FEW STAGES OF THE DEMONS' CASTLE WEREN'T

THAT DIFFICULT.
LOOKS LIKE I'VE CLEARED THIS ENTIRE AREA.
THE BEASTS WERE D-RANK, AT MOST.
DESPITE THAT, I WAS STILL ABLE TO ACCUMULATE A GOOD AMOUNT OF EXPERIENCE POINTS.
USUALLY, I'D HAVE TO GO THROUGH NINE C-RANK DUNGEONS IN ORDER TO GAIN A SINGLE LEVEL,
BUT HERE, IT ONLY TAKES FOUR HOURS TO LEVEL UP.
AS MY LEVEL INCREASES, THE AMOUNT OF EXPERIENCE POINTS REQUIRED TO LEVEL UP ALSO INCREASES.
THAT MEANS IT'LL BECOME GRADUALLY MORE DIFFICULT FOR ME TO LEVEL UP.
WHEN I MET BAEK YOONHO, I REALIZED

...I'VE ONLY JUST REACHED THE LEVEL OF AN S-RANK.
I HAVE TO PICK UP THE PACE IF I WANT TO BECOME STRONGER.

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TIME TO GO UP TO THE SECOND FLOOR.

A DIVINATION CIRCLE THAT ALLOWS YOU TO MOVE BETWEEN FLOORS...
KA BOOM
THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT THAT IS.
IT'S WHERE THE N SEOUL TOWER USED TO BE!

I NEED A SHADOW SOLDIER. ANYONE WILL DO.
COME ON OUT.

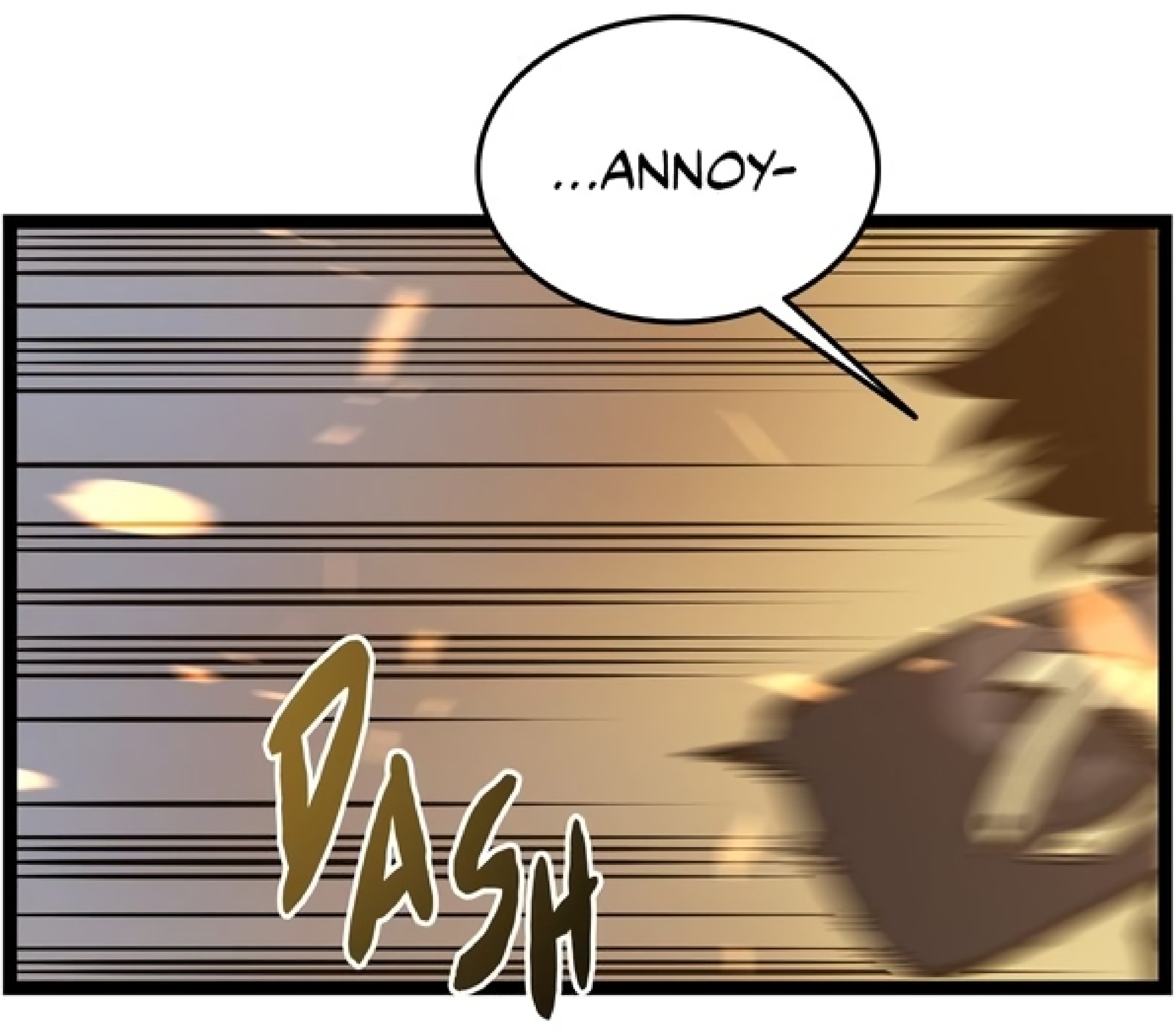
SWOOSH

WERE YOU THE PACK LEADER OF THE ICE BEARS?
YOU'RE ENORMOUS...
AS BIG AS AN ARMY TANK.

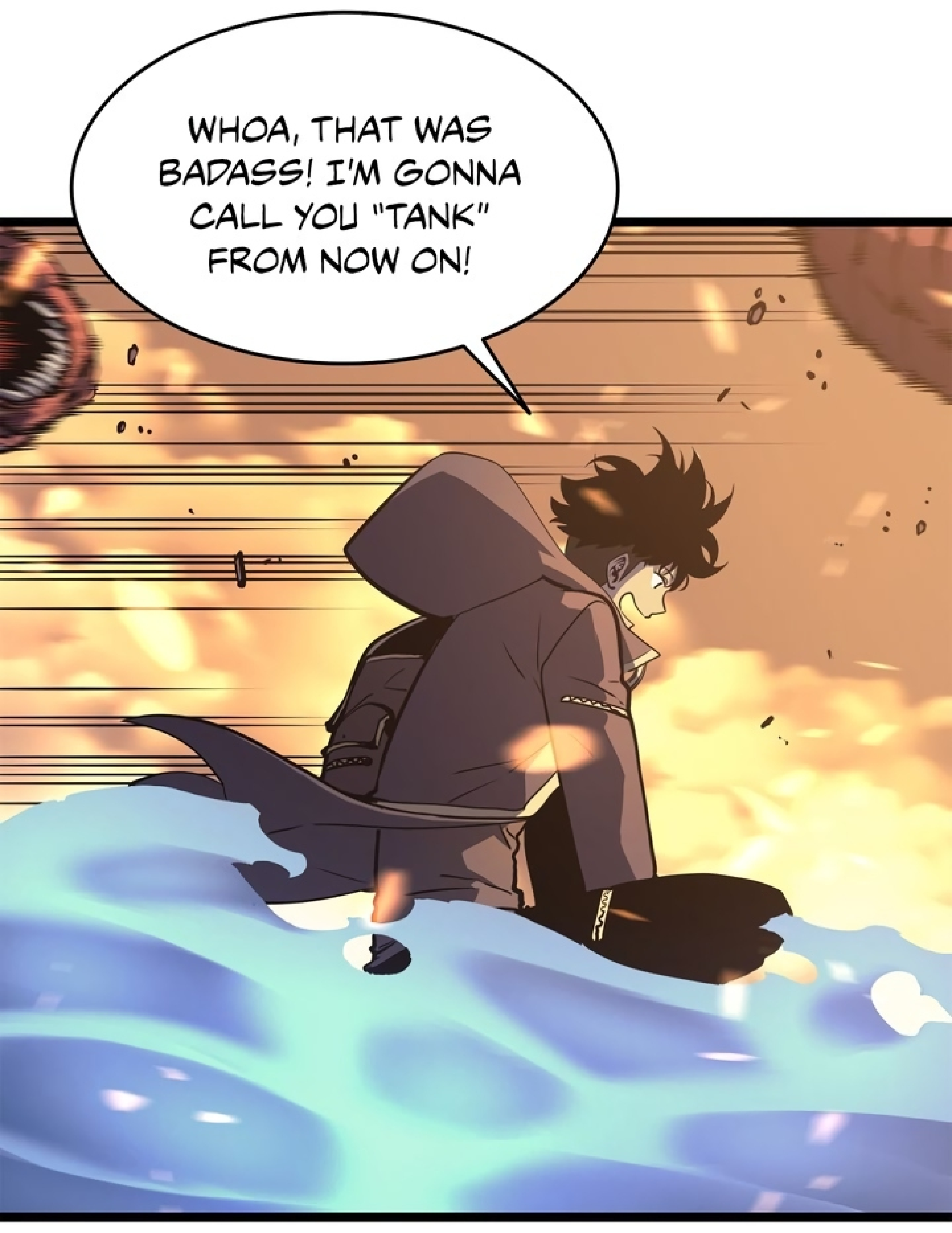
WELL, THEN...
SHALL WE?
LEAP

HM?

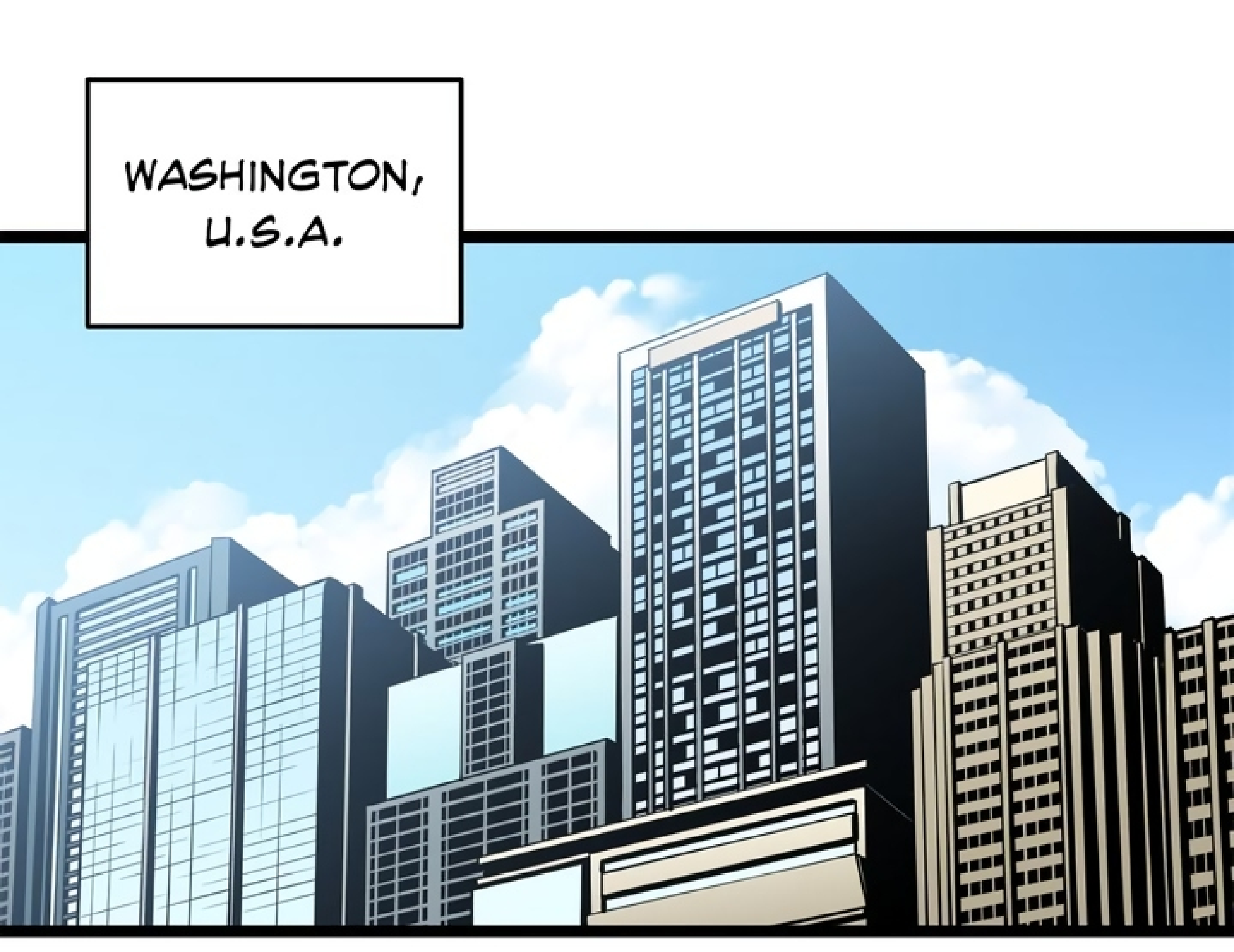
GEEZ...
YOU GUYS ARE
SO...


...ANNOY-
DASH

WHOOSH


WHOA, THAT WAS BADASS! I'M GONNA CALL YOU "TANK" FROM NOW ON!

RUN TOWARD THAT DIVINATION CIRCLE!!
BOOM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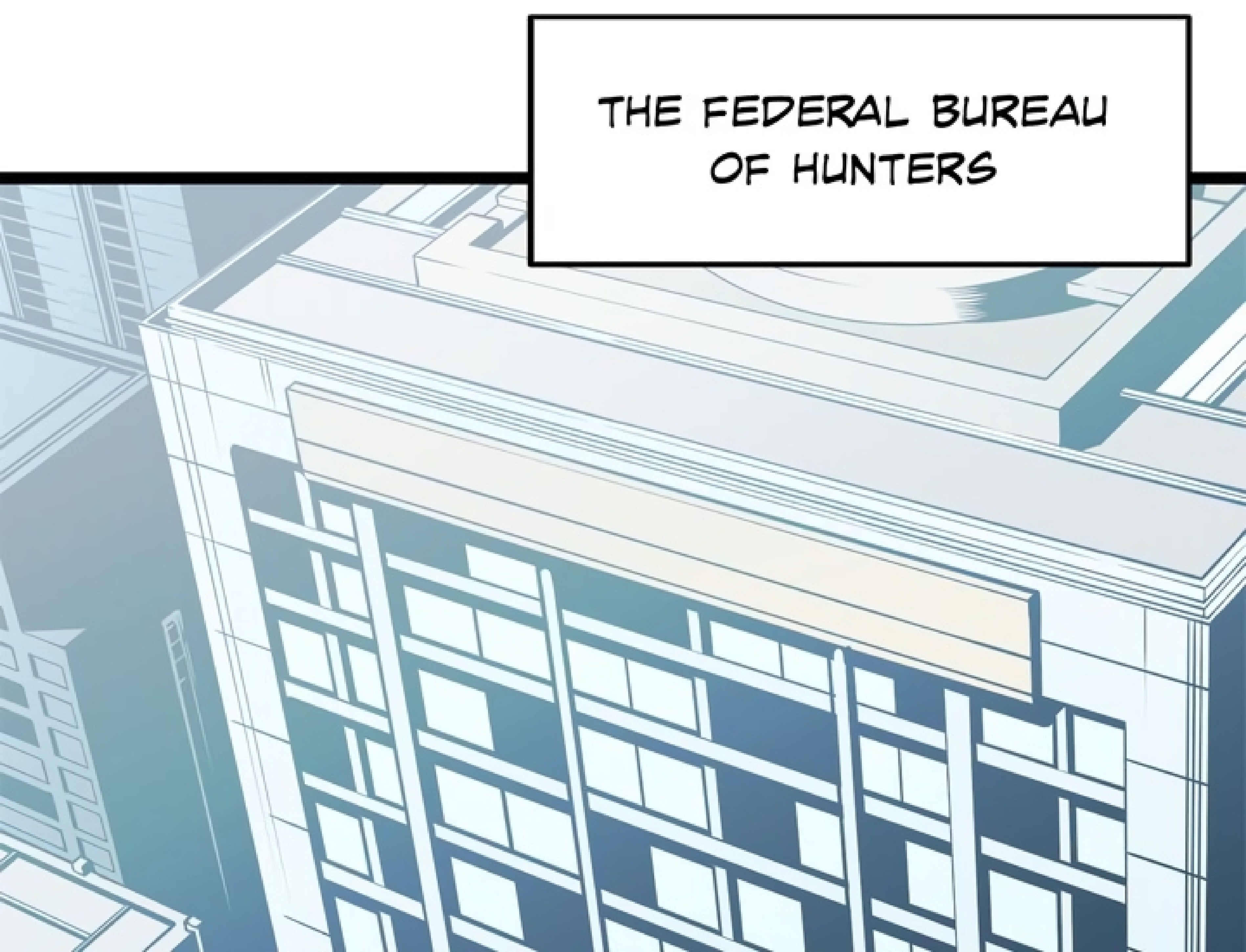
THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF HUNTERS

IS THAT HIM?
YES, SIR.
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE FEDEARL BUREAU OF HUNTERS

DID YOU IDENTIFY WHO HE IS YET?
HE CLAIMS TO BE A SOUTH KOREAN HUNTER.

HOW DID A KOREAN HUNTER END UP IN A DUNGEON ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PLANET?
HE CLAIMS HE BECAME TRAPPED INSIDE THE DUNGEON 10 YEARS AGO WHEN THE GATE CLOSED, AND UPON REGAINING CONSCIOUSNESS, HE SOMEHOW FOUND HIMSELF IN THE STATES.
THIS IS AN UNPRECEDENTED CASE.
NOT ONLY WAS A PERSON DISCOVERED INSIDE AN A-RANK GATE, BUT THAT PERSON WAS ABLE TO TAKE OUT AN ENTIRE STRIKE SQUAD MADE UP OF A-RANK HUNTERS.
THAT'S ALL YOU FOUND OUT?
COME ON, GET HIM TO TELL US MORE.
WE SUSPECT HIM OF POSSIBLY BEING A MAGIC BEAST WITH THE MEMORIES OF A HUMAN BEING, SIR.
HE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY, AT THE VERY LEAST, ONE S-RANK HUNTER. OTHERWISE, WE COULD BE PUTTING ALL OF WASHINGTON IN

DANGER.
I CONTACTED THE SCAVENGER GUILD, AND IT SEEMS THEY HAVE AN S-RANK HUNTER WHO CAN SPEAK KOREAN HERE IN WASHINGTON.
THAT'S RIGHT, THE MAIN HUNTER OF THE SCAVENGER GUILD, MR. HWANG!
IS HE ON HIS WAY OVER HERE?
YES, HE HAS JUST FINISHED ATTENDING TO SOME BUSINESS IN KOREA AND IS ON HIS WAY BACK RIGHT NOW.

WE PLAN ON CONDUCTING AN INTERROGATION TOMORROW MORNING.
UGH, JUST MY LUCK...
I WANTED TO KILL THAT PIECE OF SH*T WITH MY OWN TWO HANDS, BUT HE FELL INTO A RED GATE...
WHAT TERRIBLE TIMING.
THAT'S GREAT NEWS.
AH, RIGHT.
WHAT DID YOU SAY HIS NAME WAS AGAIN?

IT'S A LITTLE DIFFICULT TO PRONOUNCE, BUT...
...HE SAID HE'S A KOREAN HUNTER NAMED SUNG IL-HWAN.
FWOOOSH

EACH FLOOR OF THE DEMONS' CASTLE IS SEPARATED INTO DIFFERENT WORLDS.

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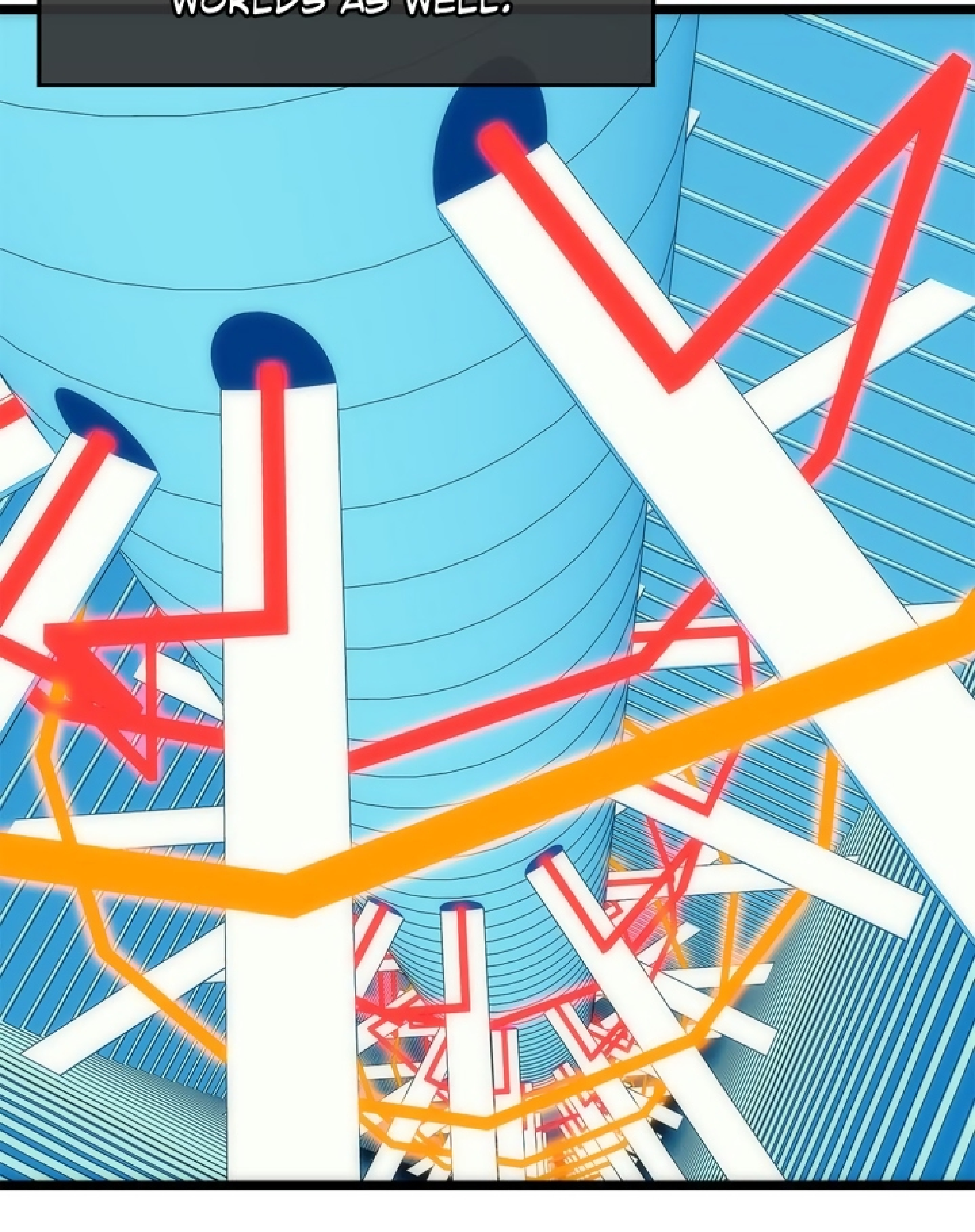
ON EACH FLOOR, BEASTS WITH ENTRY PERMITS APPEAR AT RANDOM.

ONLY BY OBTAINING THIS PERMIT CAN YOU USE THE DIVINATION CIRCLE TO GAIN ENTRY TO THE NEXT FLOOR.

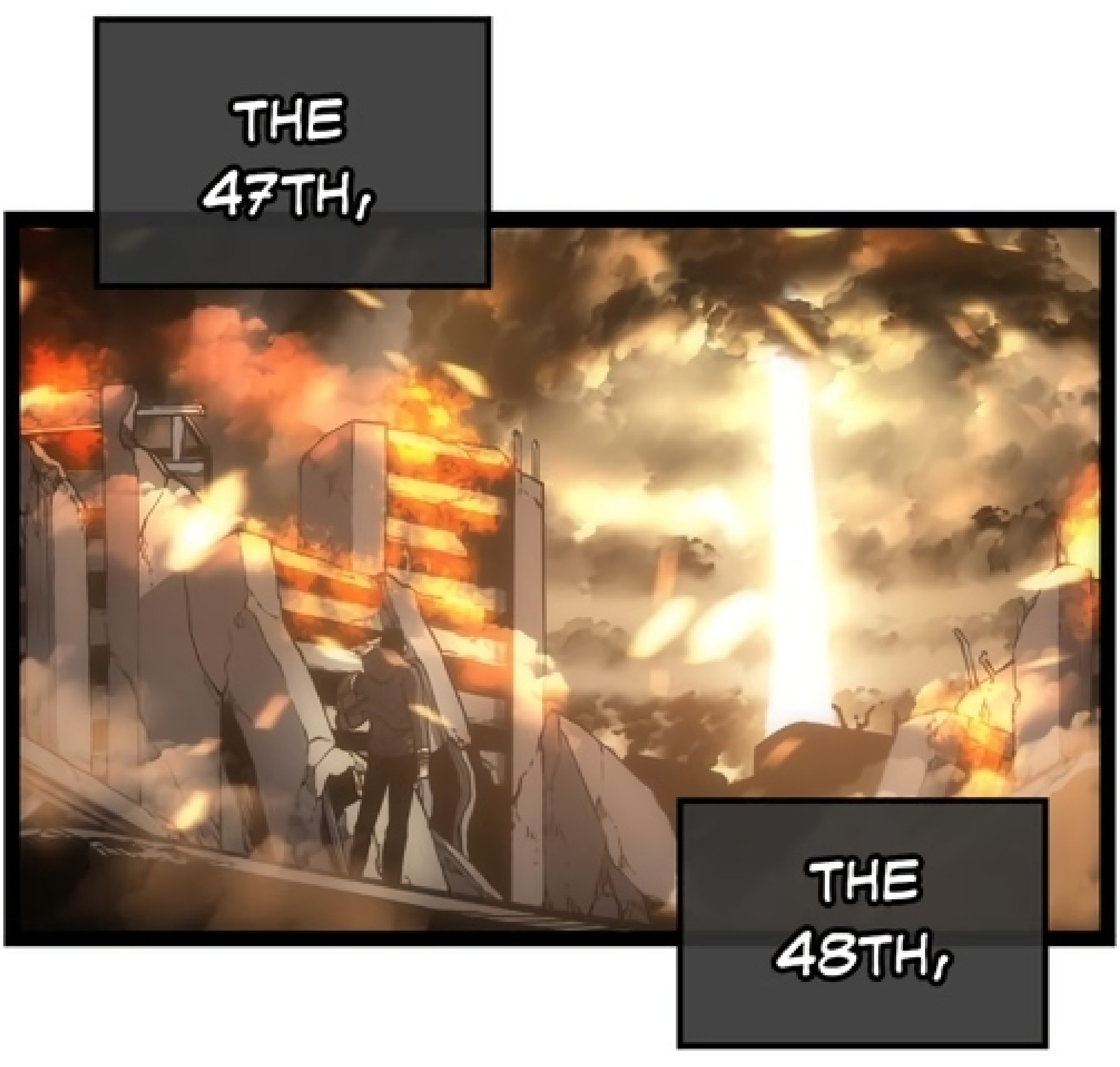
SINCE DAESUNG TOWER HAS 100 FLOORS, THIS PLACE IS PROBABLY MADE UP OF 100 DIFFERENT WORLDS AS WELL.



THE SECOND FLOOR,
THE THIRD FLOOR,
THE FOURTH FLOOR,
AND NOW, THE 27TH FLOOR.

I'VE BEEN ABLE TO QUICKLY CLEAR THE FLOORS.
SLASH
[YOU HAVE DEFEATED A MID-RANKING DEMON.]
[YOU HAVE OBTAINED 300 EXPERIENCE POINTS.]
[YOU HAVE OBTAINED 1 DEMON SOUL.]

["THE COMMANDER'S TOUCH" SKILL HAS LEVELED UP!]
THE MID-RANKING DEMONS ARE PROBABLY MORE OR LESS C-RANK.
THE HIGH-RANKING DEMONS ARE PROBABLY EXPONENTIALLY STRONGER.
JUST LIKE HOW S-RANK HUNTERS ARE EXPONENTIALLY STRONGER THAN A-RANK ONES.
[DEMON SOULS COLLECTED: 2,116/10,000]
THE PROBLEM IS THAT THIS IS A FIGHT AGAINST THE CLOCK.
IF THERE ARE REALLY 100 FLOORS, I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL BE ABLE TO REACH THE TOP WITHIN A WEEK.
WHEN I FIRST GOT THE KEY TO THE DEMONS' CASTLE, I WAS AFRAID IT MIGHT LEAD TO AN S-RANK DUNGEON.
BUT THESE BATTLES HAVE BEEN PRETTY EASY, SO I'VE BECOME MORE RELAXED.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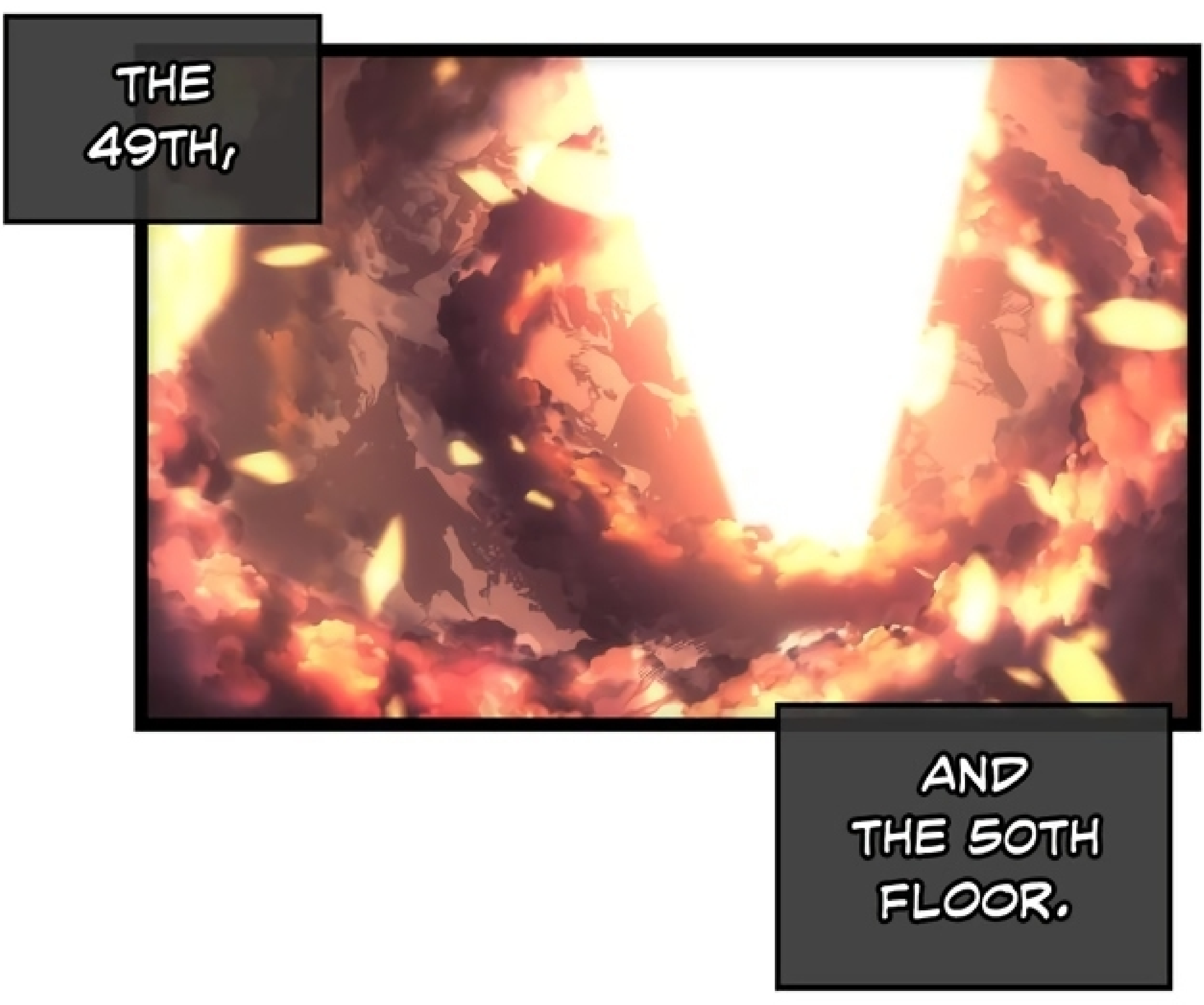
THE 48TH,


THE 49TH,
AND THE 50TH FLOOR.

[DEMON SOULS COLLECTED: /10,000]

[THE RULER OF THE LOWER FLOORS, THE AVARICIOUS VULCAN]

A BOSS-LEVEL DEMON!

THAT TUBBY GUY LOOKS DANGEROUS. I'LL HAVE TO TAKE

HIM ON MYSELF.
SWISH
HERE I GO.

WHOOOOSH

BLAZE

FWOOOOSH

PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THE REST.

FSHH

[VULCAN'S GUARDSMEN HAVE DETECTED AN INTRUDER.]

GET RID OF THEM.
FSHHH

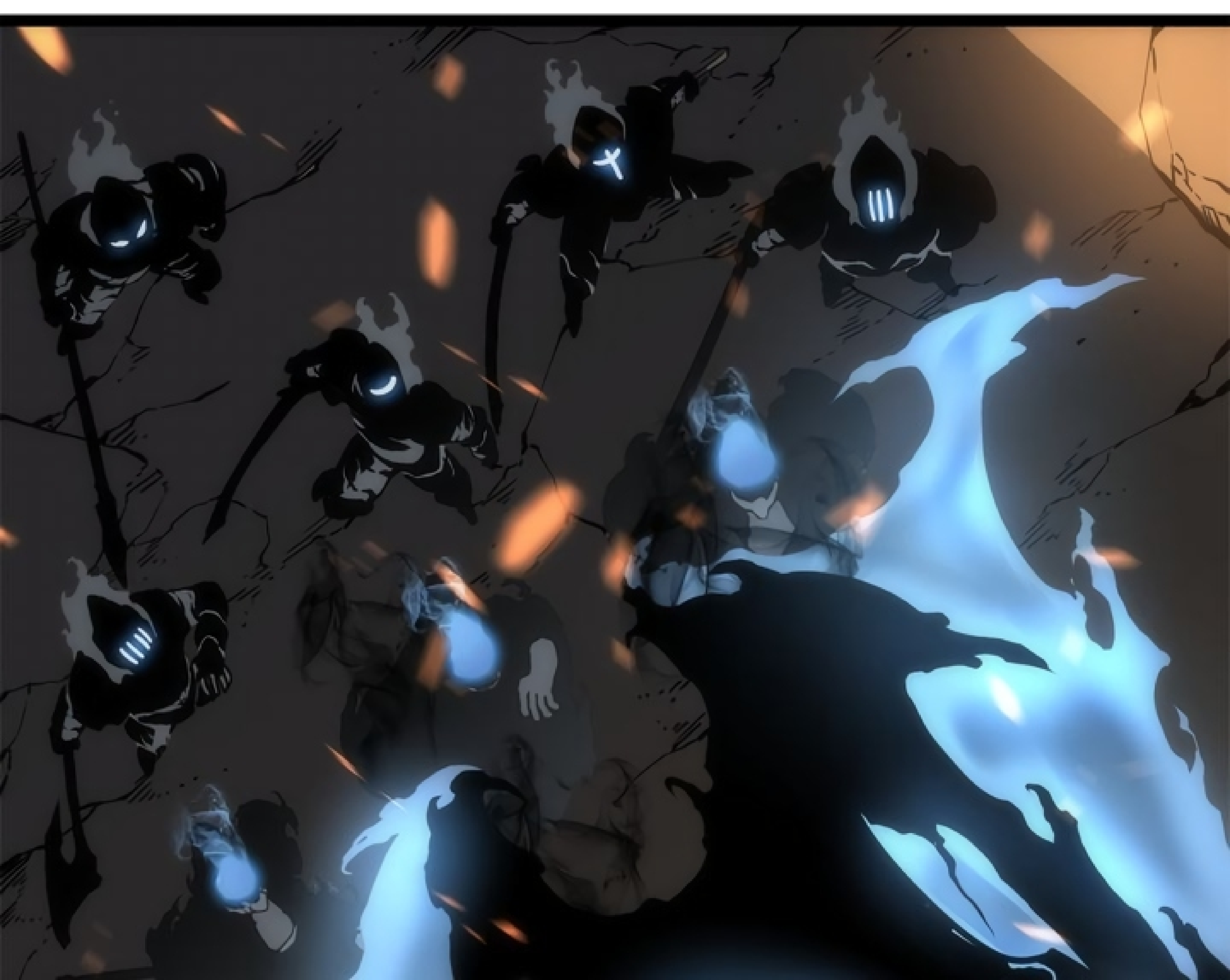
SKREEEK

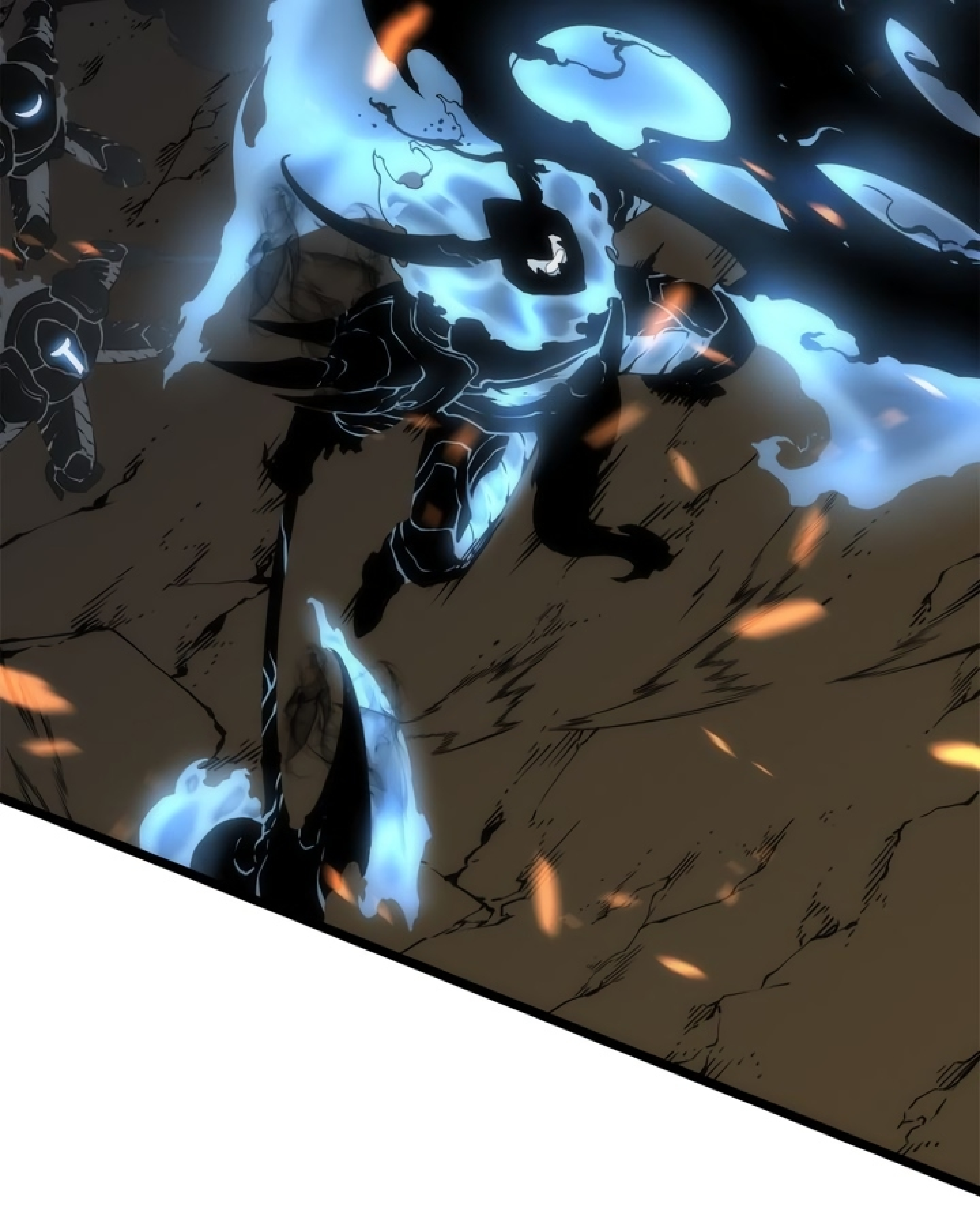
SLICE
ALTHOUGH THESE GUARDSMEN ARE HIGH-RANKING DEMONS, MY SHADOW SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN LEVELING UP WITH ME.

THEY'VE BECOME STRONGER DUE TO MY INTELLIGENCE STATS.
THE NUMBER OF SOLDIERS I CAN PRESERVE HAS INCREASED AS WELL.
SINCE I'VE BOOSTED MY INTELLIGENCE STATS, I SHOULD HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH MANA TO ALLOW MY SOLDIERS TO RECOVER.
BUT THE VULCAN HASN'T MADE A SINGLE MOVE YET...
I'LL JUST FINISH HIM OFF QUICKLY. THIS IS GOING TO BE EASIER THAN I THOUGH-
GLOW

WHOOSH

WHAT THE...
HE'S SUPER
FAST!





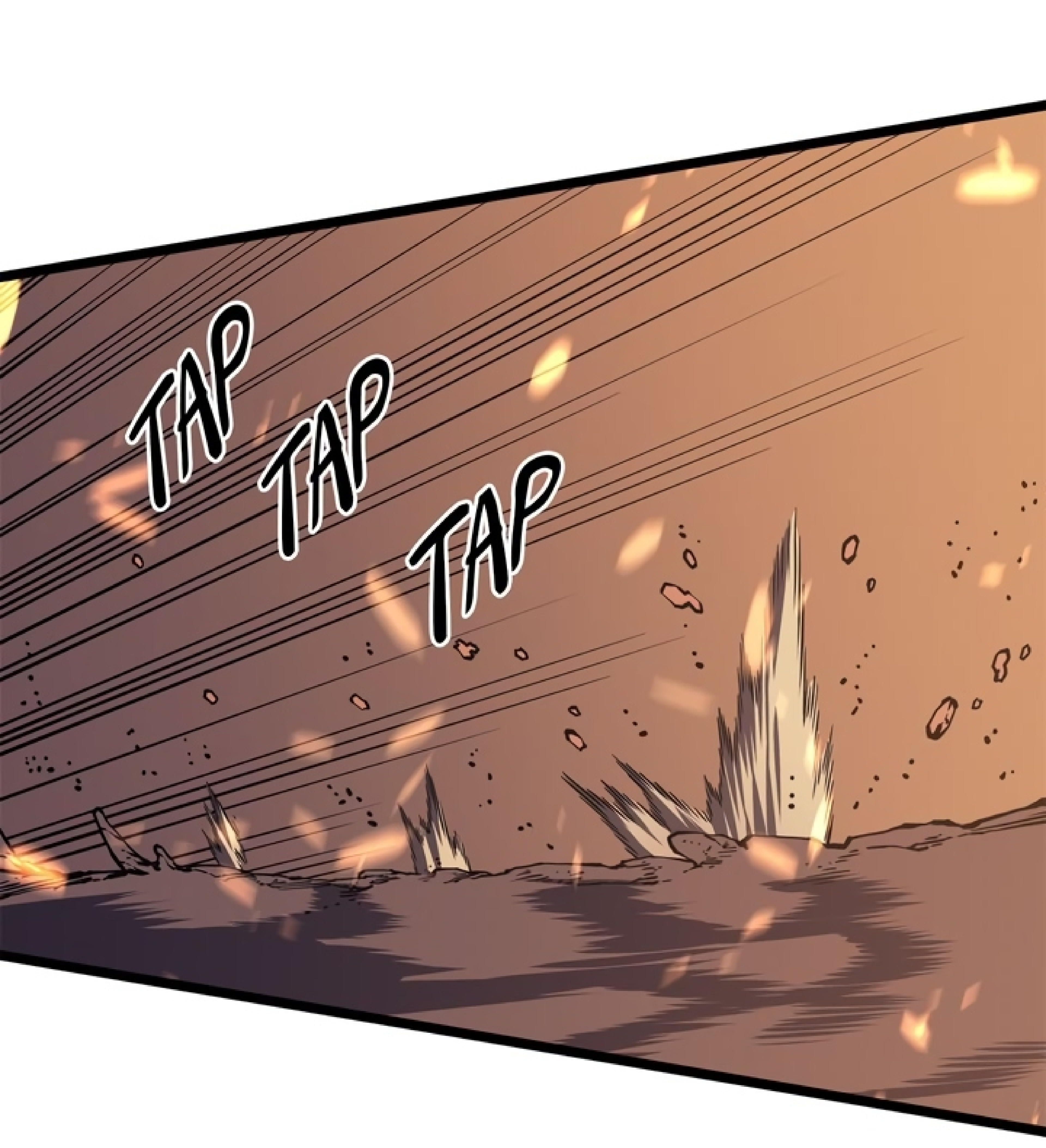
SLAM

ROAR

FLINCH

SLASH

ROAR


TAP
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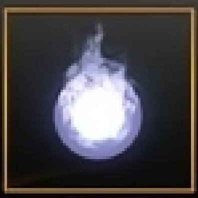
YOU BASTARD.

STATUS
STRENGTH: 150
HEALTH: 109
AGILITY: 139
INTELLIGENCE: 109
SENSE: 111



[DEMON SOULS COLLECTED: 4,388/10,000]

SKILL

SHADOW EXTRACTION LV.2
JOB-SPECIFIC SKILL
NO MANA REQUIRED

MANA CAN BE EXTRACTED FROM A LIFELESS CORPSE TO CREATE A SHADOW SOLDIER. THE POSSIBILITY OF A FAILED EXTRACTION INCREASES IN PROPORTION TO THE TARGET'S STATS AND HOW LONG IT HAS BEEN SINCE THEIR DEATH.

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